

Remarks

Claims 1-19, 21-51 and 53-64 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue subject matter encompassed by all canceled claims in one or more divisional or continuation applications.

New claims 65-106 have been added to expand the embodiments of the elected subject matter. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants note that the claims elected herein are drawn to polypeptides which directly correspond to polynucleotide claims issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,623,941 (of which the present application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120). Support for amended claims 20 & 52, and new claims 65-106 can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, support can be found in the specification at: page 4, paragraphs [0013]-[0014], page 6, paragraph [0021], page 52, paragraph [0150] (polypeptide embodiments); page 115, paragraph [0311] (expression in mature B-cells); and, page 28, paragraph [0079] to page 31, paragraph [0093] (recombinant production of polypeptides). Upon entry of the amendments submitted herein, claims 20, 52, and 65-106 will be pending. No new matter has been added.

Election/Restrictions

An election requirement has been issued in which claims 1-64 were separated into seven different groups. *See*, Paper No. 06212005, pages 2-6. Applicants herein elect Group II claims (drawn to polypeptides) as embodied by currently amended claims 20 & 52 and new claims 65-106.

Conclusion

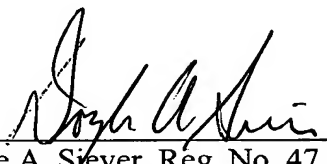
Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments and remarks be entered and made of record in the present application. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicant would expedite the examination of this application.

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